INTERESTING STATISTICS AND COMPARISONS.

The Future Holding Out Hopes of Better Times

The number of failures in the United States for the months of January, February and March of the present year show an increase of sixty-three over those of the corresponding quarter of 1876, though the amount of liabilities is less by \$10,106,082. The table annexed, taken from the quartariy circular of the mercantile agency of Messrs. R. G. Dun & Co., gives in detail these failures, compared with the same months in 1876, together with the amount of liabilities :-

	Firm	1877.		1876.	
States and Territories.	Failures.	Amount of Liabilities	Failurez.	Amount of Liabilities	
Alabama	23	\$489,731	22	\$256,300	
Arizona	1 =	98,900	8	97,700	
Arkansas	81	558,559	52	1,201,398	
City S. Francisco	30	976,217	100	The state of the s	
Colorado	10	179,900	6	50,000	
Connecticut	96	1,851,423	62	1,722,394	
Dagota	3	16,000	3 6	67,000 85,000	
Delaware Dist. of Columbia	18	115,700	1	4,477	
Florida	5	23,000	3	30,000	
Georgia	34	484,456	68	2,080,276	
Idado	1	24,500	1	3,500	
Liinois	152	2,062,0001	132	2,962,500	
City of Cuicago .	113	3,302,300 1,151,615	52 92	8,097,200 1,322,521	
Indiana	172	1,053,300	98	1,180,080	
Kansas	13	74,200	19	171.500	
Kentucky	69	2,313,650	68	1,218,953	
Louisiana	10	126,000	12	553,525	
Maine	26	291,200	40	669,450 703,492	
Maryland	178	604, 900 2, 363, 683	154	4,022,560	
City of Boston	31	1,059,800	114	6,157,000	
Michigan	110	2,407,984	159	3,444,839	
Minnesota	57	422,560	44	263,477	
Mississippi	89	516,389	30	311,046	
Missouri	25	375,642	25	553, 200 580, 933	
City of St. Louis.	40	821,000		55,000	
Nebraska	12	83,900	8	51,200	
Nevada	251	352,743	5	32,000	
New Hampshire	27	151,662	18	217,500	
New Jersey New York	40	691,000	53	657,747	
New York	253	5,704,712	282 813	6,035,968 9,513,548	
City of N'w Y'rk North Carolina	28	11,917,796	55	482,585	
Ohio	123	1,993,995	137	2,113,005	
City of Cincin'ti.	34	1,041,648	28	730,809	
Oregou	10	71,600	6	25,300	
Pennsylvania	166	2,685,766 1,481,980	139	3,125,174 1,322,220	
City of Philad's. Rhode Island	26	848,177	36	982,191	
South Carolina	44	792,260	40	725,858	
Tennessee	34	411,100	-		
Territories	-	ALLEY CO.	-	Constant	
Texas	1 52	801,923	44	635,896	
Utah	4	26,000	23	6,000 437,000	
Vermont	34 43	232,468 432,817	54	2,121,665	
Washington Ter'y.	1 3	14,000	3	162,664	
Wisconsin	46	775,254	92	1,039,712	
Wyoming	-		1	37,000	
	-	2.4 500 651	2 000		
Totals	2.869	\$54,538,074	2,806	\$64,644,116	

The failures for the present year differ very slightly from those for corresponding quarter of last year. The average liabilities for the first three months of the present year are only slightly over \$19,000, against \$23,000 in the first quarter of 1876. In order to afford a more complete comparison the following table is inserted, which shows the failures in each quarter of the past two years and the average liabilities for each quarter and for each year.

FIRST QUARTER.

	FIREX	Crurion.	
	No. of	Amount of	Average
Fear.	Failures.	Liabilities	Liabilities
	1,982	\$43,176,958	\$21,78
	2,806	64,644,156	23,038
	2,869	54,538,074	19,010
Handin		QUARTER.	and the second
1875	1.581	33.667,313	21, 29
1876	1,794	43,771,278	24,39
	THIRD	QUARTER.	
1875	1,771	54, 328, 237	30,67
1876		47,857,371	19,53
	POURT	I QUARTER.	
1875	2,405	70,888,850	29,47
	2,042	34,844,883	17,06
	TOTAL PO	OR THE YEAR.	
1875	7,740	201,060,333	25,960
1576	9,9(2	191,117,786	21,020
The fail	ness in the Dom	inton of Canada	for the three

practically out of business, but who, in order to be re-inved from old liabilities, have availed themselves of bankruptcy. Two railroad operators alone, who really stopped payment long ago, formally suspended within the last two months, and the habilities of these, amount-ing to nearly four millions, go to swell the total for New York city beyond what the real mercantile in-debtedness would amount to. Deducting this and other sums of similar character the failures and habilities in New York city for the quarter are much less than last year.

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THE PAST THREE MONTHS' TRADE.

A sense of disappointment pervades the public mind at the results of the past three months' trade. The indications of last autum were sufficiently promising to create a reasonable expectation that, as soon as the succeeding political complications were dispelled, a more prosperous period would set in. But this expectation has been only partially luffilled. Notwithstanding small stocks in the hands of retailers, and lower prices for many staples than have prevailed for years, the demand for goods has been weak and irregular, and the amount of business done in all branches of commerce much less than was anticipated. The extent of business is indicated very closely by the exchanges at the various clearing houses, of which there are now some sixteen in operation in that number of cities. Of these thirteen made returns last year, and a comparison is therefore possible as to the amount of transactions represented by bank checks at these thirteen great centres. The total clearings in the first quarter of 1875 were 7,070,000,000, while in the first quarter of 1876 were 7,070,000,000, while in the first quarter of 1877 they were 7,550,000,000, showing a decline of 127,000,000. The decline is slight, it is true, but in the face of an expected increase in the volume of business it is not very reassuring. But it must not be longoiten that for at least two out of the three months under review the greatest political uncertainty existed, and that for the remaining month the weather generally has been unlavorative for business. Again, values are less than hast year, and if measured by quantities the transactions would probably show an increase which would more than atone for indicated.

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than it was in 1873. So that the number of with drawais from business, by failure or otherwise, is lar less than seems either justified or demanded by the decline in the extent of business to be transacted.

THE HANKEUPT LAW.

Reference has been before made to the evils which the existing Bankrupt law produces in facilitating compromises for those who succumb to the pressure of the times. It is undeniable that the operations of this law tend to aggravate the misfortunes of the bour. So long as it exists in its present slape just so long can the unscrupillous and incapable trader destroy the chance of profit for those that are houset and solvent. No considerable reduction can take place in the army among whom the limited trade of the country is divided until the law is amended, and no very healthy condition of business is to be expected so long as the number who have to live from it continues as large as it is at present. Now that the political outlook seems so free from disturbing elements it is surely not too much to expect that some practical legislation on this subject may be initiated even at the exita session of Congress in June.

A PROMISING OUTLOOK.

The early prospect of a practical settlement of the Southern question is regarded as a marked contribution toward a return of more prosperous times. The great staples of this section are of prime importance in the markets of the world, and its power of absorption of goods, especially in view of the small stocks held, is too will known to need comment. If recent events remove the clog from its material progress and inspire its people with energy to extend their productions and increase their wealth a better hope may be entertained for the whole country. This, with other indications, is of an encouraging character, and lead to the belief that the worst is past, and if we are favored with another good crop of arricultural produce the remainder of the year will enable us to mark a sub-stantial progress.

OCEAN FREIGHTS.

PECULIAR DISCRIMINATION BY WHICH NEW

YORK IS THE SUFFERER. Much dissatisfaction is feit by New York merchants regarding the peculiar discrimination now prevailing in ocean freights. The following statement will best lliustrate this discrimination:-

Freights from Liverpool on metals, chemicals and salts, the butts, glass and other articles of "special class," per

M	Gold. Cherrency.
7	New York
	Boston 4-6, with 10 p. c. primage 1 24
0	DRIVING CO
6	THE RESIDENCE OF THE PARTY OF T
0	New Orleans
0	St Louis 14-0, without primage 3 57
0	Cincinnati
1	Pittsburg)
0	Buffillo
0	Milwaukee
3	Indernapolis
5	Wheeling
0	Cleveland
2	Louisville
0	The following calculations show the results:-
0	Inland freight from New York to Chicago, 35 cents
7	per 100 pounds equal to
7	Freight to New York as above 3 53
6	
0	Freight to Chicago via New York \$11 37
3	Direct freight from Liverpool to Chicago, Cincin-
0	Batt and Pittsburg
0	Difference against New York \$8 18
0	Inland freight from New York to St. Louis, 40 cents
0	per 100 pounds
7	Freight from Liverpool to New York 3 53
8 8 5	To St. Louis via New York
8	Direct from Liverpool to St. Louis
5	

Difference against New York \$10 92 By this table it will be seen that a ton of metals, for instance, can be landed by steamer in Boston, Philadelphia or Baltimore cheaper than in New York, a fact that is calculated to develop sources of distribution, independent of the metropolis, for several classes of goods which New York has horeotore supplied and could continue to supply save for these differences. The merchants, not finding any other solution of this discrimination at hand, attribute it to some arrangement between the steamship and railroad lines. In consequence the larger houses are contemplating the opening of branches in the cities named to meet the exigencies of the case.

THE GREAT FORGERY.

The prisoners Elliott and Worth, arrested by Captain Aliaire on suspicion of being concerned in the \$64,000 check forgery, were again arraigned at the Tombs Police Court yesterday for examination. Counsel for Worth moved his discharge on the ground of there being no evidence against him. The motion brought up Assistant District Attorney Bell, who stated brought up Assistant District Attorney Bell, who stated that the prosecution were not in a position to oppose the motion. The only evidence against Worth was the fact that he had in his possession a lew Eric coupons psyable in London. There was no evidence to show that they were stoien. He, therefore, did not oppose the motion. Upon this representation Justice Kilbreth discharged the prisoner. Elliott's counsel moved for the discharge of his client, but the Assistant District Attorney opposed the same, saying the evidence against him was strong. He asked for an adjournment until all the witnesses, consisting of insurance men and others, could be brought into court. The Justice thereupon adjourned the examination until Monday afternoon, at which time rich developments are expected.

THE RUSSIAN FLEET.

The failures in the Dominion of Canada for the three months past were 572, and the amount of liabilities \$7,576,511. For the corresponding period of 1875 the cumber was 396, footing up a total of habilities of \$4,141,340.

In New York city the number of failures show a considerable diminution, but, contrary to the general tendency of the figures in all other localities, the liabilities show a marked increase. This is explained by the fact that, included in the failures in New York in the last quarter are quite a number of concerns who were practically out of business, but who, in order to be represented.

pulling boats and on their way to their ships.

At halt-past twelve P. M. Admiral Boutakoff and Fiag Commander Alexieff came on shore in a pulling boat. Fifteen minutes after Capiain the Grand Duke Alexis reached the landing stage in the Svetlana's steam launch. He was unaccompanied save by his steam launch. He was unaccompanied save by his steam launch buke Constantine, Prince Itcherbatoff, Lieutenant Lang, Baron Englehardt, Lieutenant de Sievers and several other officers came ashore in the steam launch. The Grand Duke Constantine, alter a stroll, returned to the flagship at three ofetock. Baron Schilling and Dr. Coudrine came ashore shortly before four o'clock. The Grand Duke Alexis dined in the city, passed the evening with some friends and returned on board late in the evening.

RUSSIAN IT IN NEW YORK.

The sailors of the Russian fleet were paid off on Thursday and were allowed to go ashore on "liberty." Four hundred and tourteen of them were let loose on the city about ten o'clock in the morning, and they made "Rome howl" to the best of their ability to about four o'clock in the afternoon. During the day, however, several of them were picked up by the police in different parts of the city, in different stages of intoxication. Six of them were brought before Judge Morray, at Jefferson Market Police Court yesterday and were fined \$5 each. The sergeants in the Twenty-linth and Ninth precincts evidently gave up in despair the names of their illustrious prisoners, and they will go down to posterity in the archives of the American nation as John Does and Richard Roes.

An officer of one of the vessels came into the court yesterday morning and offered to pay their fines, but Judge Murray sad:

"On account of the friendly relation between the two nations, and to lurther cement that friendship I am only too happy to have the power to remit the fines." however, several of them were picked up by the police

EXCITEMENT ON 'CHANGE.

AN ATTACK ON ROCK ISLAND-COAL STOCK AND THE RUMORS AFFECTING IT - THE FREIGHT AGREEMENT

Wall street was in quite a tromor of excitement again vesterday, but only for a while. Not many stocks were affected. Rock Island was the chief object of attention in the morning, and the subject of many flying rumors. The point of all there was directed toward the battering down of prices, which opened for this stock at 91.

Rumor would have it that Mr. Tracy's health was very feeble, that his affairs were in a bad way in consequence, and that relief must come only when large blocks of the stock were thrown on the market. At the same time that these rumors were set in motion the transactions in Rock Island were very brisk indeed, and in a short while the indicator marked the price at 8614. The fall was so sudden as to direct general attention to the matter, and the transactions tities of the stock were being put out. Just in the "nick of time" the officials of the road came to the rescue. Shortly after tweive o'clock the following note was received at the Stock Exchange:-

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New York, April 13, 1877.

To the President of the Stock Exchange:—

The undersigned on behalf of the Chicago, Rock Island and Pacific Road, desire to state that the embarrassment of H. Kennedy & Co. in no way affects this coad; that they have not directly or indirectly owed any money to this company since January last; that they never have had any of the securities belonging to this company in any manner whatsoever. This company is, further, in no way involved in the affairs of John F. Tracy, and the stock as reported by last anual report as in the treasury, being 49,309 shares, remains intact, and has awer been sold or disposed of, and there is no Intention of so soing. You, with any gontieman you choose to associate with you, are invited to call and examine the certificates.

Chairman Epacyty Committee.

Francis H. Tows, Secretary and Treasurer.

FRANCIS H. Tows, Secretary and Treasure In accordance with this request Mr. S. T. Russell, President of the Stock Exchange, and Mr. A. B. Baylis, proceeded to the office of the company to make the examination mentioned. The result of that investigation they reported in the following form:-

TO THE NEW YORK STOCK EXCHANGE:

The undersigned, on behalf of the Stock Exchange, and at the suggestion of the Chicago, Rock Issued and Pacific Railroad Company, have made a personal examination of the certificates of stock as represented in the heat annual report of the c. impany as being on hand, and they certify that the officers produced the 49,200 shares of stock called for in said report, and that the same is not respect correct.

APRIL 13, 1877.

This certificate was followed soon after by another, which the following is a convergence of the converge

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Chicago, Rock Island and Pacific Railroad |
Company, Skerktary and Theastran's Oppics, New York, April 13, 1877.

S. T. Russell, President Stock Exchange:

Dear Sir-Mr. John F. Tracy his resigned his office of President of this company on account of liness. The Board of Directors have a meeting next Mon'any, the 16th inst., and will elect the present Vice President, Hugh Riddle, Esq., to fill the yacancy.

Mr. David Dows, of this city, will probably be elected Vice President at the same time. Respectfully yours.

E. H. TUWS, Treasure.

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The stock rapidly rose on the publication in the Exchange of these letters, reaching 89% about as rapidly as it had declined. Thereafter until the close of Rock Island, further than that some irrepressible rumor mongers professed to believe that the street did not attach much importance to the fact that Messrs. Russell & Baylis had found 40,000 shares of stock at the company's offices. "Because," sand these industrious gentlemen," it might have been borrowed for the occasion." Such persistency only shows how difficult it really is to set rumors completely at rest when once started.

During all this excitement the corporations lately injured by the circulation of laise news were busy preparing proclamations offering rewards for the offenders. As mentioned in yesterday's Hexalb the entire amount of rewards offered was \$10,000. There are three parties to the offer—the Stock Exchange, the Deinward and Hudson Canal Company and the Dolaware, Lackawanna and Western Company. But the reward is only to be paid on presentation of the District Attorney's certificate is ever likely to be obtained.

WHAT PRESIDENT CLIFFANT SAYS.

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WHAT PRESIDENT OLIFRANT BAYS.

Mr. Oliphant, Vice President of the Delaware and Hudson Caual Company, in speaking of this matter yesterday said:—"We are attacked, being a strong company, that others may suffer, and those who assail us may as well but their heads against a stone wall as try to injure us by such rumors. However, the stock went down on them, and as we have been made the subject of similar attacks horectofore we consider we've stood it long enough and we do not propose to submit any longer."

The present agreement.

THE PRESCRIT AGREEMENT.

The roport of "cutting" rates again gaining some fresh impetus elicited yestorday a contradiction from Mr. Garrett, who says:—

My determination is to carry out every point of agreement with absolute thoroughness, and my expectation and belief are confident that all parties are equally determined to do so.

J. W. GARRETT, Projident. Mr. Garrett also says that he "bas ordered a strict and immediate investigation, so that any irregularity or misunderstanding, it any exist, shall be at once cor-

BUSINESS TROUBLES.

a meeting of the creditors of Bernard and Mayer Goodkind, who:esale liquor dealers, late of No. 50 Broadway, was held yesterday at the office of Register Williams to prove their debts and elect an assignee in bankruptcy. The firm failed in 1875, owing \$148,000 and having very little assets. They had a lorge menhaden oil factory on Barren Island and considerable real estate in Harlem, but it was so heavily mortgaged that it realized nothing. Mr. Frederick Lowis, the that it realized nothing. Mr. Frederick Lewis, the assignes, realized sufficient money from the assets to pay the creditors a small percentage, and in settling his accounts will pay another dividend. Twenty creditors yesterday proved claims to the amount of \$45,000, of which the following are the largest:—Mones Goodkind, \$11.653; Thereas Goodkind, \$5,068; William Tarr & Co., \$4,821; Fechheimer, Goodkind & Co., \$4,800. Mr. John B. Smith was elected

Rind & Co., 24,000. An John Dark Lyon, the hus-assignee.

The meeting of the creditors of Doré Lyon, the hus-band of Kate Ciaxton, which was to have been held yesterday before Register Ketenum, was again post-poned, owing to a legal informality.

The application of Gustav Schoenemann, late manu-facturer of cases, at No. 75 University place, for his discharge from bankruptey, came before Register Dayton yesterday, and as none of the creditors op-posed it his application will be granted.

THE PRICE OF MILK.

TO THE EDITOR OF THE HERALD :-

ould be a good thing indeed if your correspondents on the milk question knew something about it before they rush into print. What a lot of nomense they exhibit! Take, for instance, the letters of M. H., from Somers, and Mr. Doughty, of this city. The former said in the HERALD :- "The milk dealer paid two and a half cents a quart to the farmer." I dely H. to prove this assertion. The milk costs all the year round three and three-quarter cents; add fiftyve cents, which is the average rate of freight charged by the several railroad companies for a can of thirtynine quarts at the great maximum and five cents for ferriage and we reach a total of \$2 10 for thirty-nine quarts of milk, or five and one-third cents a quart. Now, how a milk dealer can sell the lacteous fluid in all its purity for six cents or even seven cents and support his family is a mystery that the great mathematician Doughty has solved, if we believe him, but I nouse that the learned gentleman is completely ignorant of the commercial A B C. First he gives the cost price of produce to the producer (as I am a foreigner I wish you to understand that I do not consider Mr. Doughty as a milk producer in the full acceptation of the word. Second, by a quick turn of mind, this producer is transformed into a desier, but a desinterested one, who sells his goods for what they cost him. If Descartes Doughty is a merchant and follows this principle I promise to him my chentage. It seems to me that the learned gentleman belongs to the good-natured class of Utopists. No rent—somebody else must pay for it—no bad debtors (all his patrons are the quintessence of honesty), ho sour milk; consequently ho storms, no variation in the atmosphere. Then dismiss the cierk of the weather, Mr. Editor.

De par Doughty, it est interdit a Dieu quarts of milk, or five and one-third cents, a quart,

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De laire des miracles dans ce lieu.

To resume—if the farmer has forty cows in good health always; if their food cost what it may pieuse Pascal Boughty to pay; it, with two holps, he can attend, mik and deliver the mik of forty cows; if everybody paid him, if a landlord lodges him for nothing, if his horse lives until Leibnitz Doughty dies, ii—ii—ii—ii—ii he can sell pure milk all the year round for seven cents a quart, by Jove i let him do it. A grateful posterity will bonor his memory, and it he receives not his reward in this world in the other it will be different—or Lucifer does not attend to his quites.

CLAUDE, THE BRAKEMAN.

(In partibus infide!tum.)

CORONERS' NOTES.

An inquest was held vesterday on the body of Thomas C. Doyle, who, on March 31, came home in the evening to his residence, No. 39 Oak street, and, after closing himself up in a bedroom, shot himself with a pistol. The jury brought a verdict of suicide.

Coroner Woltman was called to take the ante-mortem pital. He found the man's skull fractured, and learned from him that he had been engaged covering the roof of Lorillard's building, at the corner of Centre and Canai streets, with tin, when, in stepping backward, he stumbled and fell to the waik.

An examination, made by Deputy Coroner Miller, revealed that Little Moore, a chird, residing at No. 219 West Thirty-fifth street, had accidentally possende herself by drinking a bottle of morphine which she found upon a window sill. statement of Bernard Flynn, at the New York Hos-

A FARMER'S ROMANCE.

LOST IN THE STREETS TWENTY-BIX TRABS AGO. On the 11th day of June, 1851, a rather pretty boy of some six years of age was found wandering through the streets of New York. He was dressed neatly, and as he trudged along by the side of the officer having him in charge he said his name was Robert Ellis, he was six years of age and that his parents resided in Brooklyn. He could not, however, tell the num-ber of the house or name of the street. Inquiries were at once instituted to learn to whom the child belonged, but met with no success, and on the 12th day of June, 1851, Justice Blenkley, of the Jefferson Market Police Court, committed the little fellow to the care of the Department of Public Charities and Correction. He remained to its charge until the 9th of March, 1855, at which time its charge until the 9th of March, 1855, at which time Mr. Joseph Davis, the agfut of the Department, consigned Robert to the care of Mr. Aaron Harker, a farmer at Vincentown, Burlington county, N. J. After remaining with the family of Mr. Harker for a year or more he went to live in the family of Mr. Budd, of Pemberton, N. J., also a farmer. He grew to be a strong, healthy boy, and the residiness to learn everything about farming and his cheerful disposition made him a general favorite. He next entered the service of Mr. Jones, a neurbboring farmer, with whom he remained for about five years. In the year 1863 he emisted in the United States Army, and continued in the service of the government until the close of the war, after having participated in a number of severe battles. As soon as he received his discharge papers he determined on going West. After vissing several Western States he finally settled in Michigan, where he met with deserved success. The greatest desire of his heart was to find his parents, and upon writing to those who had charge of him in his childhood days he learned that he came first to Mr. Harker from the New York Department of Charities. In the year 1872 he wrote to the department but could gain no further information than that he was picked up on the streets as stated above. Further inquiries have been made in vain, and he has come to Brooklyn for the purpose of making a personal search. While in New Jersey Roberts' name became changed from Ellis to Allice, and he has since been known as Robert Allice, care of the Voung Men's Christian Association, Brooklyn. eph Davis, the agent of the Department, con-

A FARO VICTIM

As examination was held yesterday at the Harlem Police Court, before Justice Mergan, in the case of James Thomas, John Daly, W. R. Parsons and Wilham T. Gage, of the gambling house at No. 8 Barclay street. The same parties were indicted by the Grand Jury day or two ago on another and similar charge and will plainant in the present case, R. M. Jordan, alleges that on March 14, 1876, he was swindled out of \$600 at fare by the accused, and that on August 28, 1876, he was similarly fleeced to the extent of \$450. He also asserts that doring the lour or five years he has been a visitor to No. 8 Barciay street h.s losses at fare have amounted to \$18,500. He was the first witness called. He was examined by Judge Morgan. His testimony was to the effect that he played fare at No. 8 Barcing street on March 14, 1876, when he lost \$600 there. Themas was the dealer and Gage was the "look-out." On August 28, when he parted company with \$460, Parsons was the "look-out!" and Daiy the dealer. He had played fare there a number of times since, the last time being in January. The dates and sums he had entered in a diarry, which he had neglected to bring to court with him.

The witness was subjected to a cross-examination, in the course of which he answered emphatically in the negative several questions tending to discredit him.

Captain Sanders, of the Twenty-seventh precinct, was poxt called, but his evidence was deemed incompetent. on March 14, 1876, he was swindled out of \$600 at

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To enable the complainant to secure the attendance of other witnesses the further examination was adjourned until Saturday next.

PAUPERS AT PRIMARIES.

A special committee of the Kings county Board of Supervisors, appointed to investigate the management of the Aimshouse of that county, proceeded to that institution yesterday for the purpose of com-mencing their inquiries. It is alleged that the Commissioners of Charity permitted the paupers to be missioners of Charity permitted the paupers to be taken from the Almshouse to vote at the democratic primary election held at Gravesend. The Charity Commissioners took advice of counsel, and he instructed them that the Supervisors had no authority to make the investigation; that the maiter was not within their jurisdiction. Upon this the Charity Commissioners objected to an investigation being made at the Almshouse. The committee, therefore, retired to the Town Hall at Flatbush, where they will continue the investigation

THE FOURTEENTH STREET FIRE.

Suspicion has been awakened in reference to the cause Suspicion has been awakened in reference to the cause of the fire in Herts & Son's establishment, at No. 11 East Fourteenth street. The fire must have begun close to the cievator, as the first indication of it was the smoke curing up about the stairway and corrisors. A number of men in the employ of the Messrs. Herts were at that time engaged in closing up the building, and it is thought strange that the flames were not discovered earlier. The matter has been referred to the Fire Marshal, who proposes to make an investigation.

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THE LEON-MASSIMINO ASSAULT.

Antonio Leon, who was indicted a short time since, with his brother Giovanni, for assactit with intent to kill, were yesterday taken before the Kings County Court of Sessions. They pleaded not guilty, and will be tried on the 25th inst. The assault was committed on Rose Massim no, a married daughter of Antonio, in February last. Nicholas Massimino, the father-in-law of Rose, was stabled at the time by Giovanni while he was cheenvoring to shield Rose from the murderous attacks of her lather.

THE M'CAFFREY CASE.

The Grand Jury of the General Sessions yesterday dismissed the complaint against the Rev. Dominick McCaffrey, charged with indecently assaulting, on the Funeral from his late residence, 80 Au Custon Au turior distance. At his residence, 215 East 55th st., John's Krissa, and 52 years.

His relatives and friends are respectfully invited. Interment by the family and relatives and friends are respectfully invited. The state of the family and times and friends are respectfully invited. The state of the family and the same of the family and the same of the family and the family are respectfully invited. The same of the family are respectfully invited to attend the funeral, on Sunday, April 12, at Runtington, I. L., in the 32d year of his age, William Armar Krissam. On Fourty last on the funeral of the family are respectfully invited to attend the funeral, on Sunday, April 12, at Runtington, I. L., in the 32d year of his age, William Armar Krissam. On Fourty last of the family are respectfully invited. The family are respectfully invited. The family are respectfully invited. The family are respectfully invited to attend the funeral, on Sunday, April 12, Samuel Kellanding. April 12, Samuel Kellanding. The funeral services at h

dismissed the complaint against the Rev. Dominick McCaffrey, charged with indecently assaulting, on the 15th of March last, Adelaide Leavitt, of No. 198 Second avenue, a member of the Church of Our Saviour, Third avenue and Thirty-minth street, of which the accused was pastor.

DEATH IN A CARRIAGE.

Ernesto Saportas, a gentleman of fifty, residing at No. 170 East Sixty-fourth street, was yesterday taken sick in his office at No. 45 Exchange place. A carriage was summoned, and he was on his way to his residence when he suddenly became atterly prestrated. Dr. Merivale, of Greenwich street, was hurriedly brought to the vehicle, which had been drawn up in Brondway, near Canal street, but, before he could render any assistance, Mr. Saportes expired. It is Dr. Merivale's opinion that heart disease was the cause of death.

WEARY OF LIFE.

Albert Sonthal, a jeweller, doing business at No. 32 Newark street, Hoboken, drew a revolver yesterday in the presence of his father, Morris Sontbal, and shot himself in the right temple. They had just finished an angry dispute. The son said, before he drew the pistol from his pocket, that he was weary of life and constant quarreiing with his lather about money mat-ters. The chances of young Sonthal's recovery are very slight.

MARRIAGES AND DEATHS.

MARRIED.

BALL-MILLIKER. - New York, April 12, at the residence of a friend, by the Rev. S. M. Hamilton, Mr. RICHARD WALKER BALL to MISS MARY MILLIKEN, both Of Boilost, Ireland.
Dibble—Parish.—On Wednesday, April 11, at
Ponghkeopsie, by Rev. J. Eimendorf, D. D., Gronge
W. Dirrie, of Irvington on Hudson, to Susie H. Parish.
No cardis. M. Donnes, on Thursday, April 12, at St. Bartholomew's Church, by Rev. Samuel Cooke, D. D., Mr. Charles C. Marsh and Miss Emma M. Rees, both of

Thiseity.

'MRYERS—COHEN.—On Wednesdau, April 11, at the residence of the bride's parents, 55 West 45th st. by the Rev. S. W. Isaacs, Charles Meyres, of Norfolk, Vs., to Asnie, youngest daughter of Samuel Cohen.

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DIED.

ACKER.—On Wednesday, April 11, after a lingering illness, Samuel S. Acker, in the 59th year of his age. The relatives and friends of the family and also Poiar Star Lodge, No. 246, F. and A. M., and the Tammany Society are respectfully lovited to attend the funeral, on Sunday, April 15, at one P. M., from the Second Street Methodist Episcopal Church, between ava. C and D.

on Sunday, April 15, at one P. M., from the Second of Street Methods tepiscopal Church, between ava. C and D.

Polar Star Lodge, No. 245, F. and A. M.—Brethren.—You are hereby summoned to attend a special communication of the lodge, at the rooms, 118 av. D., on Sunday, 15th inst., at half-past welve o'clock P. M., to pay the last tribute of respect to our deceased worthy brother, Samuel S. Ackers.

Malcolm Stewart, Secretary.

Barren.—On Friday, April 13, 1877, after a short illness, John T. Barren, in his 5dd year.

Friends are invited to attend the funeral, from his late residence, 12 Wavering av., Brooklyn, on Sunday, 15th inst., at two 'clock P. M.

Booth.—On Thursday afternoon, April 12, 1877, William D. Booth, aged 54.

The relatives and friends are invited to attend his funeral, from his late residence, 160 West 48th st., on Saturday, the 14th inst., at cieven A. M. The remains will be taken to Bridgeport, Conn., for interment.

Bosteman.—On Friday, April 13, 1877, after a short likess, Johanna, wife of Henry Bostelman, sged 41 years and 20 days.

Relatives and friends, also Ziraciatha Lodge, No. 483, F. and A. M.; Kades Encampmont, No. 63, 1, 0, 0, F.; plogenes Lodge, No. 298, 1, 0, 0, F., and Son-

nen Ledge, No. 62, O. S. D. F., are respectfully invited to attend the funeral, from her late residence, corner Broadway, Walkon et and Throop av., Williamsburg, on Sunday, Spril 15, at two o'cleek P. M. BRINCKREBOOFS.—On Wednesday, April 11, ANDREW BRINCKREBOOFS, in the Clic year of his acc.

Relatives and friends of the lessing, and those of his const-in-law Henry K. Brewer and Ross White, are respectfully lovated to attend the lessers agreence, from his late residence, No. 56 East 78th at., on Saturday, 14th inst., at one o'clock P. M.

CONWAY.—On Thursday, the 12th last, CATERRIES

his late rendence, No. 66 East 78th st., on Saturday, 14th inst., at one o'clock P. H.

Cosway, aged 40 years.

Reintives and friends are respectfully invited to attend the funeral, from her brother's residence, 414 East 10th st., this Saturday, at two P. M.

Davisson — Thursday, April 12, 1877, Adams Davisson, aged 85.

Relatives and friends are invited to attend the funeral, from the rendence of her nephes, A. S. Davidson, 759 Greenwich et., on Nunday, April 16, at cleven A. M. Integracest at Passano, N. J.

Disney. — On Thursday, April 12, after a long and paintul illness, Hanny Disney, aged 50 years.

Relatives and friends of the family are respectfully invited to attend the innersh, from his integraced residence, No. 303 East 20th st., at two P. M. thus day. No flowers.

pantul illines. Husen Dieser, aged 60 years.

Relatives and friends of the family are respectfully invited to attend the bandral, from his tide residence, No. 535 East 25th st., at two P. M. the 627. No flowers.

De Forner.—On Friday, 15th met., of posumonia, Mant Americant the Folker, wide of William R. De Forest, M. D., of New Baren, Coss.

The funcral servers will be held at Na. 250 Orange 8t., New Haven, on a day to be amendated hereafter.

Early, —On Friday, April 13, Tannas R. Earlow, in the 50th year of his age.

Relatives and friends of the family, and breakren of Erri Lodge, No. 522, and American Lodge, No. 523, and American Lodge, No. 535, F. and A. M., also companions of American Chapter, No. 215, R. A. M., are invited to attend his funcral, from his last revidence, No. 52254 aw., on Stunday afterbood, at baif past one of clock.

Amendur's Chaptera 215, R. A. M.—The companions will assemble at their recease, order Grand and Contrasts, on Sunday, april 1s, at one of clock P. M., for the purpose of attending the lumeral of our law commission, Thomas H. Eaton. Companions of senter chapters are cordially invited. By order

H. Clay Lander, Secretary.

Farme.—On Thursday, April 12, after a short illness, Commissa I., only daughter of Emma and Jean Fabre, in the Stn year of her age.

Notice of funeral hereafter.

Firzenrosa.—On Thursday, April 12, McDare. Ferzanoos, native of Sechatra, Mullagh, county Cavan, Ireland, aged 15 years.

Relatives and friends of the family are requested to attend the funeral, from his late residence, No. 417 East 71st st., thence to the Charch of St. Vincent Ferrer, 6th st., where a ottom required mass all be offered for the repose of his age, thence to Calvary Camelory, at mill-past ten of clock; thence to Calvary Camelory, at mill-past ten of clock; thence to Colvary Camelory, at mill-past ten of clock; thence to Colvary Camelory, at mill-past ten of clock; thence to Colvary Camelory, at milling the superal from the residence, No. 215 Division st., on Sunday, 15th inst., half-

years.

Relatives and friends of the family are respectfully invited to attend the funeral, from the Church of the New Jerusalem, 35th st., near Parkav., on Sunday, at two P. M. Interment at Greenwood.

Janvis.—On Friday, April 13, after a long and painful filness, Wilhere R., youngest son of Dr. Israel and Lucy R. Jarvia, aged 25 years.

Relatives and friends are respectfully invited to attend services at his late residence, 125 East 25th st., on Sunday, at half-past four P. M. The remains will be taken to Rhinebeck on Monday.

JOHNSTON.—At Greenpoint, L. L., April 11, Janz Eliza Johnston, only daughter of Andrew Lynch, of Fiching, L. I.

The friends of the family are respectfully invited to attend the funeral, from the residence of her lather, corner of Broadway and Linden av., Finshing, on Saturday, at three o'clock P. M.

KELLEY.—At Harlem, on Thursday, April 12, Hestietta R. Kelley.

Funeral from her late residence, 149 East 113th st., on Saturday, April 14, at one o'clock P. M. Relatives and friends are invited.

KELLENGER.—On Thursday, April 12, Samuel Kellinger.

Funeral services at his late residence, No. 4 Union concesses.

Funeral from his late residence, 50 Van Cott av.,

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Funeral from his late residence, 50 Van Cott av.,
Greenpoint, Saturday, twelve o'clock.
A'UNBON.—On Thursday morning, April 12, 1877,
Michark, Munson, aged 62 years.
Relatives and friends invited to attend the funeral,
on Sunday, 15th inst., from 161 Wyckoff st., Brooklyn,
at two o'clock P. M.
McCherry.—April 12, A. G. McCherry, aged 30 years.
Funeral April 16, at eleven o'clock, from his residence, No. 10 Philimore place, Brooklyn, E. D.
Newton.—At his late residence, 63 West 17th st.,
Sance, F. Kewton, in the 35th year of his age.
Relatives and irlends are respectfully invited to attend the funeral, at lake Grove, Long Island, on Saturday, April 14. Train leaves Hunter's Points 8. M.
O'Brien.—On Friday, April 13, Anastasia O'Brien,
native of Capiquin, county of Waterford, Ireland, in
the 86th year of her age.
Relatives and friends of the family are respectfully
invited to attend the inneral, from the residence of her
son-in-law, Theodor Gunther, 27 Chrystic st., on Sunday, April 15, at two o'clock.
O'Brien.—On April 11, 1877, Andrew O'Brien,
antive of the county Longford, Ireland, aged 51 years.
Relatives and friends are requested to attend the
funeral, which will take place from his late residence,
422 11th av., on Sunday, 15th, at one o'clock F. M.
Will be interred in Calvary Cemetery.
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of Thomas Patterson, in the 25th year of her age.
Funeral from her late residence, 259 Columbia st.,
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native of Rathmarrow, county Sigo, Ireland, wife of
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ton av., corner 66th st., at ten A. M. Monday, the 16th inst.

Serency.—On Wednesday, 11th Inst., of congostion of the lungs, Pachase T., wife of Nathan Sceley, and youngest daughter of P. T. Barnum, aged 31 years.

Relatives and friends of the lamily are invited to attend her luneral, from her late residence, 482 Lexington av., on Saturday morning, 14th inst., at eleven o'clock. Her remains will be taken to Bridgeport, Conn., for interment, on the one o'clock train.

SMITH.—On Thursday, 12th, James W. SMITH.

His relatives and friends are respectfully invited to attend his funeral, from his late residence, 454 Henry st., Brooklyn, on Saturday, at ten o'clock, thence to St. Peter's Roman Catholic Church.

SPINIG.—In Brooklyn, on Wednesday, 11th inst., after a lingering illness, Elexanth Select Spring, the colored wife of Frederick Spring. Funeral private Troutman.—At Long Branch, on Tuttriday, April 12, 1877, N. Walter froutman, Jr., in the 23d year of his age.

1877, N. WALTER FROUTMAN, Jr., in the 23d year of his age.

Services at the residence of his father, on Sunday, at three P. M. Interment at Cypress Hills Cemetery, Mooday morning.

Wilson,—In this city, on Friday, 13th inst., Helen Chans, wife of P. Gifford Wilson.

The relatives and friends are invited to attend the funeral, from the residence of her sister, Mrs. Mary E. C. Giffing, No. 63 Bank st., on Monday next, 16th inst., at two o'clock P. M.

Wixters.—On Tuesday, 11th inst., Martin Wixters, a native of Loughrea, county Galway, Ireland.

The friends and acquaintances are requested to attend the burial to-morrow (Sunday), 15th inst., at one o'clock, from his late residence, No. 131 Elizabeth st.

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FINANCIAL AND COMMERCIAL

The Stock Market Active and Steadier.

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WALL STREET.

The brightness of yesterday's sunset, which bestekened clear weather for the market at to-day's opening, was not belied by facts. During the first hour the movement of prices, though not material in extent, continued strongly upward, with Western I nion showing the way to the accompaniment of ex-tensive transactions. Subsequently overything gave way in acknowledgment of the weakness in Rock lained, which overpowered completely the firmness of the telegraph stock and reversed the course of the market. Later on there occurre: a turn for the better, the Hock Island property. The suspension of Mesers, il Kennedy & Co., being intimately associated with transactions in the Northwestern and Rock Iransactions in the Northwesters and Rock Island socurities, created some apprehension, lest the funds or reserved stock of the latter company might have become mixed up in the diseaster. This tear took practical shape in an eager desire to sell, and the price was quickly carried down from \$125 to \$61, under a copious flow of investment stock was read from Mr. Down chaltman of the Executive was read from Mr. Down chaltman of the Executive and an avaianche of short sales. After inidday a letter was read from Mr. Dows, chairman of the Executive Committee, stating that the read was not affected by the embarrasaments of Konnedy & Ce. This letter is printed in another column. A change for the better was the immediate effect, and in fact it acted like a bugle call upon the rest of the market, in summoning the whole list into line for a general advance. Mr. Russell, the President of the Board, and Mr. Baylis were appointed as advutinizers under the invitation, and shortly after reported, as it was manifest they would do, that the 40,000 shares had been found as indicated. As no other result had been anticipated no impression was made upon the market price, nor did any result from the further announcement that Mr. John F. Tracy had resigned from the presidency and that on Monday next Mr. Hugh Riddle, ment that Mr. John F. Tracy had resigned from the presidency and that on Monday next Mr. Hugh Riddle, the present Vice President, would be elected to fill the vacancy. Fluctuations of from 2½ to 3 points occurred in the cost stocks, though it was epparent from the dimmished transactions that the gale of yesterday had pretty nearly blown itself out. Nevertheless after meridian there was some sharp buying, which carried up quotations to the beat rates of the day. The Stock Exchange is making vicenceus efforts to discover the author of the house vigorous efforts to discover the author of the bogus report concerning the Delaware and Hadson receiver-ship, and offers a reward of \$5,000 for the arrest and ship, and offers a reward of \$5,000 for the arrest and conviction of the perpetrator. While it is hoped that these exertions will be successful in putting as ond to a very dirty business, it is also hoped that attention will be directed to the discovery of the framers of the fraudulent reports which have emanated from time to time from sundry corporations represented upon the stock list. It is a capital opportunity for the application of the old adage of the sauce for the goose being sauce for the gander, and we suggest the propriety of improving the same.

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THE SALES TO-DAY.

The seles of active stocks to-day aggregated 236,609 shares, which were distributed as follows:—New York Central, 6,575; Eric, 120; Lake Shore, 35,300; Northwestern, 4,325; do. preferred, 4,800; Rock Island, 40,515; Fort Wayne, 216; Milwaukee and St. Paul, 1,142; do. preferred, 8,600; Pittsburg, 100; Delawrae, Lackawanna and Western, 24,540; New Jorsey Central, 900; Delaware and Hudson Canai, 7,570; Morris and Essex, 940; Michigan Central, 10,650; Hilmon Central, 216; Hannibal and St. Joseph, 600; do. preferred, 600; Ohio and Mississippi, 850; Panama, 213; Western Union, 72,315; Atlantic and Pacific Telegraph, 250; Pacific Matt, 6,800; Quicksilver, 150.

PENING, HIGHEST AND LOWEST.

O; Quickshipolic should be Northwestern preferred. 43½
Rock Island. 91
Pittsburg. 86½
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Del. Lack, and Western. 55
New Jersey Central. 8
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Panama. 85

ADVANCE AND DECLINE. The following shows the advance and decline in the closing prices of the principal active stocks as com-

closing prices of the principal active stocks as compared with those of yesterday:—
ADVANCE.—Western Union, 1; Pacific Mail, 1/4; New York Central, 3/4; Lake shore, 3/4; Illinois Central, 1/4; Pittsburg, 3/4; Northwestern preferred, 1/4; St. Paul, preferred, 1/4; Delaware, Lackawanna and Western, 1/4; Morris and Essex, 3/4; Hannibal and St. Joseph, 3/4; Atlantic and Facific, 2/4; Delaware and Hudson, 2/4; Michigan Central, 1/4; New Jersey, 3/4; Hock Island, 3/4.

CLOSING PRICES—3 F. E.

The closing prices were:-

THE MONEY MARKET. Money loaned early in the day at 3 a 4 per cent on call, then advanced to 4% per cent, and closed easy at 2 a 2% per cent on call. The following were the rates of exchange on New York at the undermentioned of exchange on New York at the undermentoned cities to-day:—Savannab, buying %, selling %; Charleston, scarce, % a ½ premium; Cincinnatt, steady, buying par, selling 1-10; St. Louis, 100 premium; New Orleans, commercial 5 1-16, bank %; and Chicago, 75 premium. Foreign exchange is higher, the nominal asking rates having been advanced to 4.87 for bankers' sixty days' sterling and 4.89 for de-

mand. THE GOLD MARKET. Gold opened at 100, advanced to 105%, and closed at Gotta openion at 100, 200 and 100 and

\$3,000,000 gold by one of the German speculators.
Gold clearings at the National Bank of the State of New York:-

The London advices, notwith-tanding the warlike tone of the despatches received there from the East,

report only a very slight depression in consols—\(\) a 1-10 per cent, with a like decline in United States 1867's, ten-forties and new fives, old 1865's being steady. Except an advance of \(\) per cent in Illinois

Central there is no change in American railroad stocks. At Paris, however, rentes opened at 106f 5c., against 106f, 85c. yesterday morning, and sold down to 108f, 45c. The closing prices in London were:—Consols for